

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to appear as follows:

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17. The computerized system of claim 16, wherein the extensible object model further causes the processing unit to notify the extension object when the extension is deleted.

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44. A method for extending functionality of a class object, comprising:
invoking a functionality that is not inherent in the class object;
determining if the invoked functionality is available in a first extension object;
creating a second extension object when the invoked functionality is not available in the first extension object; and
directing the invocation to the second extension object.

REMARKS

Claims 16-21 and 27-44 were rejected. Claims 17 and 44 have been amended.

Claims 16-21 and 27-44 remain pending in the present application.

In a response, dated June 11, 2002, to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, dated May 22, 2002, applicants elected to prosecute the claims designated in Group II, consisting of claims 16-21 and 27-44. In the June 11, 2002 response,